

REMARKS

In the Notice to Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants were advised that the amendments to the claims were non-compliant because each claim was not provided with the proper status identifier; specifically, claim 20 is presented twice, once as "previously presented" and once as "canceled." In response to the Notice, the within Response includes a complete set of the amended claims, with the "canceled" claim 20 being further identified as a second occurrence of that claim number.


In the application as filed, two claims numbered "20" were presented. The second numbered claim 20 was subsequently canceled to avoid duplication. Applicants now seek to clarify that the claims presented in the Response to Office Action filed August 12, 2008 included proper claim identifiers. Of the originally filed two claims numbered "20," the first remains in the application ("previously presented") and second ("second occurrence") was "canceled."

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicants believe that additional fees are not required for the within Response. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Respectfully submitted,
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